Installation Instructions for Hollywood Model G2 “Gordo” bicycle rack

Important note about the Gordo Rack: This product is intended for use with long frame bicycles such as beach cruisers, Townies®, choppers, and short wheel base recumbents. The width of the arms (22”) may prevent use with other bicycles. It is the user’s responsibility to mount the bikes safely and securely. The bike’s wheels should not extend outward beyond the vehicle’s side view mirrors.

When using the Hollywood Gordo rack, please follow these important recommendations:

- Install the Gordo rack on structurally sound trunks and rear decks only. If you own a Mini Van or Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV), be sure to read the special notes below.
- **Never** attach hooks to aluminum, plastic, glass, fiberglass or carbon fiber.
- Clean the surface of the trunk, rear door or deck lid before installation of the rack.
- Tighten all six straps both before and after mounting bikes on the rack.
- Never place more than 100 lbs. (45 KG) on the Gordo rack.
- **Always use the gray tie down straps after loading all of the bicycles onto the rack. These final safely Strap should be threaded through all of the bikes, and the frame of the Gordo rack itself.**
- Keep the bicycle tires at least one foot (1’=30 cm approx.) away from the exhaust pipe(s). Check the rack, bikes and straps regularly during use.
- Drive slowly when used on bumpy or rock/dirt surface roads.

The Gordo Rack includes two built nylon in tie down straps, two rubber cradle straps and two additional tie downs. The rack also includes 4 “protective pads” to be placed between the bikes or where necessary.

Mounting the Gordo Rack on Your Vehicle: Your new rack comes to you fully assembled in the box, so there is no assembly to do on the rack itself. There will be some adjustment and set-up required so that the Gordo will fit on your vehicle correctly. Please read and adhere to all instructions as follows:
1. After removing your rack from the box, loosen the black hubs by flipping the hub lever outward (away from the rack). This will allow the two sections of the rack frame to move relative to one another for correct rack placement on your vehicle. Note how the teeth on the hubs interlock into place. See Fig. 4a & 4b, showing the hub and lever in the open and closed positions.

![Fig. 4a & 4b](hub_lever.png)

2. **Adjusting the rack frame**: Position the rack on the vehicle such that the bicycle support arms are parallel to the ground, or angled slightly upward at the back of the rack. The main frame should rest on a steel trunk lid, or rear door. See Fig. 2 & 3. If necessary (particularly on vans, station wagons and SUV’s) the upper pads may rest on glass. This is because the weight of the rack and bicycles is support by the upper straps, and the lower pads. Be careful not to interfere with rear mounted wiper blade if the vehicle is so equipped.

3. Once the proper rack position has been determined by adjusting the rack’s support arms and main frame, tighten the hubs by flipping black levers in and locking them in place against the rack; then rotate the lever and/or cup until the hubs are snug and secure. See Fig. 4b. Be sure that the teeth of the black hubs are interlocked evenly, so that the support arms are parallel.

4. **Attaching the straps**: Begin attaching straps with the upper (farthest forward) pair, placing the hooks in the most forward trunk lid opening, and then pulling on the end of the strap until the proper length is reached. Once the upper straps have been attached, the side and bottom straps can be attached in any order. If your vehicle has a “soft” plastic bumper, the lower straps may be attached to the lower edge of the trunk lid, or rear door opening instead of the bumper.

5. When all six straps are attached, pull on each strap to make sure that the hooks are properly seated, and that all straps are tight. After mounting the bikes, recheck and retighten all straps since the weight of the bike(s) often adds tension to the upper straps, and removes and equal amount of tension from the lower straps.

**Mounting bike(s) to the Gordo rack:**

7. Place the heaviest bike onto the rack first (closest to the vehicle), handle bars on the passenger side. For a men's frame (Fig. 5) and depending on the style of bike, either mount the bike’s top tube or down tube (Fig b) into the bike cradle. The other mounting point should be under the top tube (Fig. 5a) or between seat tube and rear stays (Fig. 6c). Please note Fig. 7a,7b & 7c for correct attachment of rubber strap and mounting in cradle.

It is important that the bike is balanced and well secured.
For a ladies frame (fig. 6), mount the bike as shown in Fig. 6a and 6b, again maintaining balance and using the best tie down points.

Be sure to note the location of the pedal, as you may have to rotate the crank in order to keep the pedal from hitting the vehicle.

There are two gray colored tie-down straps attached to the rack as shown in Fig. 1. Be sure to use both of these straps.

Place the bike protective pads between bikes and bike rack frame to help protect your vehicle and bike’s finish. The extra, non-attached straps can be used for extra bike tie down security.

Rubber bike cradles: Refer to fig. 7a: Attach the rubber strap to the back (right side) of the cradles as shown in Fig. 7a. After mounting the bike in the cradle, pull the strap gently over the bike frame and attach the other end of the strap to the cradle. Straps should be snug, but do not over-tighten. Route straps under cables per 7b & 7c.

Carrying two bikes: Mount the first bike per above instructions, using the extra tie-downs to secure the bike to the rack. Mount the second bike with the handlebars on the driver’s side of the vehicle. Be sure to rotate pedals to avoid bike to bike interference, and use the protective pads between the bikes. Use both the upper gray tie-down strap and the side mounted gray tie-down strap to secure bikes to rack.

Remember to re-check all straps after the bicycles have been mounted. Re-tighten straps as necessary.
CAUTION!

This bicycle carrier has been designed to attach securely to most vehicles. It is the user’s responsibility to insure the safe and proper installation of this product. Improper attachment or installation of this product may result in damages to your bicycles, vehicle, or vehicles following behind you. If the pads of this rack (or any rack) are resting against glass or a structurally soft panel, be aware that this may cause damage to your vehicle. The manufacturer of this product will not extend the warranty to any damages not attributable to a defect in materials and workmanship. The fit guide printed in this manual is intended as a general reference only. Ongoing changes in vehicle design, materials and finishes used on motor vehicles make it the user’s responsibility to determine the use of this product. Do not attach hooks to aluminum, glass, fiberglass, moldings, spoilers or carbon fiber parts. Please check the Fit Guide on the back page prior to installation! If the make and model of your cars is listed as a “No Fit,” check with your dealer about installation assistance, exchange for another model that will fit, or refund. This guide is not complete due to continuous changes in automotive design. For answers to questions, call our customer service department at: 800-747-4085 Mon.-Fri. from 7:00AM–3:00PM Pacific time OR Email us anytime at info@hollywoodracks.com

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